

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: County Executive Office

SUBMITTAL DATE:
November 25, 2003

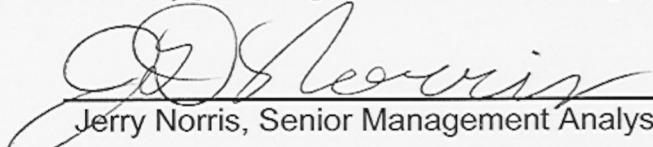
SUBJECT: Contribution of funding towards a joint City of Banning / County of Riverside CNG fueling station.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors approve the contribution of air quality funds (AB 2766) to a joint City of Banning / County of Riverside CNG fueling station, and direct the Executive Office to process the disbursement of those funds.

BACKGROUND: In early 2000, county staff initiated a search for partners to assist in creating a compressed natural gas (CNG) infrastructure network throughout the County. The lack of sufficient infrastructure has been an obstacle for both public and private fleet operators, and remains a barrier to clean fuel vehicle proliferation.

In April of 2000, the Executive Office provided a letter of support to RCTC to encourage the development of, and to help solicit grant funds for a CNG fueling station in the pass area on land owned by the City of Banning. A station in the Banning area would help close a gap in infrastructure between the Coachella Valley and the western end of the County. This joint-use facility would allow the County to deploy CNG vehicles to our departments in the area, as well as extending the range of our existing CNG vehicles, by providing a "mid-route" fueling opportunity.

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Jerry Norris, Senior Management Analyst

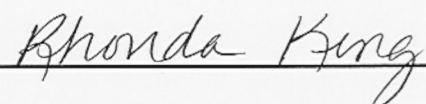
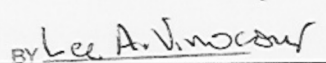
FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 100,000	In Current Year Budget:	Yes
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	No
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2004

SOURCE OF FUNDS: AB2766 Air Quality Funds	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: **APPROVE**

FORM APPROVED
COUNTY COUNSEL

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County Executive Office Signature  BY 

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Since this project warranted the cooperation and partnership of neighboring agencies to insure success, and provided a benefit to County fleet operations, staff agreed to seek Board of Supervisors' approval to provide a \$100,000 matching fund contribution from the County's AB 2766 air quality funds. This request however was contingent upon approval of the project and commitment of contributing funds from other participating agencies.

Project development has taken three years due to various delays and the lack of sufficient funding commitments. Recently however, the project received approval and funding commitments from RCTC, the MSRC, and the City of Banning. The total estimated project cost is approximately \$860,000.

The City of Banning will be the lead agency in the construction of the facility, and the majority contributor towards the project costs. The City is requesting the County of Riverside to partner in this project by providing a \$100,000 contribution. There are sufficient reserves in the County's air quality fund to cover this expenditure. Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the request to provide a \$100,000 contribution towards this joint agency fueling station.